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(As Amended)

***"AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY RESOURCE MARKET
DISRUPTION EMERGENCIES AND PRICE GOUGING."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 502,
4 505 and 506 of this act:

5 (1) "Motor vehicle" means motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1
6 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, except that for purposes
7 of this section, motor vehicle is limited to vehicles with gross vehicle
8 weight rating, as defined in said section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds
9 or less;

10 (2) "Unadjusted vehicle purchase price" means the actual sales price
11 of a new motor vehicle, not reduced by the value of any vehicle or

12 other property exchanged by the buyer in connection with the
13 purchase; and

14 (3) "Greenhouse gas" means greenhouse gas, as defined in section
15 22a-200 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

16 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October
17 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall lower the sales tax
18 imposed pursuant to section 12-408 of the general statutes by three per
19 cent on the unadjusted vehicle purchase price for a motor vehicle with
20 a model year of 2008 or later with a greenhouse gas score, as
21 determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency
22 and the United States Department of Energy.

23 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall annually prepare and
24 distribute an updated list of motor vehicles subject to the sales tax
25 adjustments imposed pursuant to this section and distribute it to
26 motor vehicle dealers.

27 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to those motor
28 vehicles exempt from sales tax as provided in section 12-412 of the
29 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

30 (d) Dealers authorized to issue motor vehicle registrations pursuant
31 to section 14-12 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as
32 amended by this act, shall include in the bill of sale for motor vehicles
33 subject to this section a line item denoting the dollar amount of any
34 sales tax adjustment pursuant to this section.

35 (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide to the
36 Commissioner of Environmental Protection any data requested by the
37 Commissioner of Environmental Protection as necessary to carry out
38 his or her duties under this section. Such data shall not include any
39 personally identifiable information.

40 Sec. 503. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 14-12 of the 2006
41 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is

42 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

43 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in
44 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the
45 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such
46 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.
47 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the
48 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such
49 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Any
50 person who is registering a motor vehicle due to a new purchase shall
51 submit evidence that the sales tax for the motor vehicle was adjusted in
52 accordance with the provisions of section 502 of this act, if applicable.

53 (c) The commissioner may, for the more efficient administration of
54 the commissioner's duties, appoint licensed dealers meeting
55 qualifications established by the commissioner pursuant to regulations
56 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to issue new
57 registrations for passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles, campers,
58 camp trailers or trucks with a gross vehicle weight up to and including
59 twenty-six thousand pounds when they are sold. The commissioner
60 shall charge such dealer a fee of ten dollars for each new dealer issue
61 form furnished for the purposes of this subsection. A person
62 purchasing a motor vehicle or motorcycle from a dealer so appointed
63 and registering the motor vehicle or motorcycle pursuant to this
64 section shall file an application with the dealer and pay, to the dealer, a
65 fee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of section
66 14-49, as amended. The dealer shall submit evidence to the
67 commissioner that the sales tax for the motor vehicle was adjusted in
68 accordance with the provisions of section 502, if applicable, of this act
69 for each registration issued pursuant to this subsection. The
70 commissioner shall prescribe the time and manner in which the
71 application and fee shall be transmitted to the commissioner.

72 Sec. 504. (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than June 1, 2006, the
73 Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
74 Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change, shall conduct a

75 study to determine the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission
76 reductions necessary to meet the goals of section 22a-200a of the
77 general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2007, the department shall
78 report its findings, accompanied by any recommended legislative
79 revisions, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
80 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

81 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October
82 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation
83 with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a greenhouse
84 gas labeling program for motor vehicles sold in the state with a model
85 year of 2008 or later. Greenhouse gas labels under this program shall
86 include:

87 (1) The greenhouse gas score, as determined by the United States
88 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department
89 of Energy, presented in both a continuous bar format and a single
90 qualitative score, or an alternative graphical representation that the
91 Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines will more
92 effectively convey the information to consumers;

93 (2) The average greenhouse gas score for all vehicles sold in the
94 state;

95 (3) The average greenhouse gas score for vehicles within the same
96 vehicle class as the vehicle to which the label is attached;

97 (4) The relative rank of the vehicle, in a ten-point scale, on lifetime
98 greenhouse gas emissions;

99 (5) A logo identifying the label as part of a state-wide clean vehicle
100 campaign; and

101 (6) A brief statement identifying motor vehicles as the largest source
102 of global warming pollution in the state.

103 (b) The greenhouse gas label shall be affixed to the driver's side of
104 the front windshield.

105 (c) No motor vehicle with a model year of 2008 or later shall be sold
106 in the state without a greenhouse gas emissions label that meets the
107 requirements of this section affixed to it.

108 Sec. 506. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of
109 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
110 Motor Vehicles, shall establish or contract for a public education
111 program regarding the sales tax adjustment pursuant to section 502 of
112 this act and vehicle labeling program pursuant to section 505 of this
113 act. This program shall also include the dissemination of information
114 about the environmental impact of greenhouse gas emissions from
115 motor vehicles and the impact of vehicle choice on vehicle greenhouse
116 gas emissions.

117 Sec. 507. Subdivision (115) of section 12-412 of the 2006 supplement
118 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
119 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

120 (115) On and after October 1, 2004, [and prior to October 1, 2008,]
121 the sale of any passenger car utilizing hybrid technology that has a
122 United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway
123 gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon."